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Mr. Wesley R. Fishel  
Michigan State  
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Fishel:

Mr. Balivet has forwarded to me for review in accordance with my function, your proposal for an annotated bibliography of material on the Chinese economy.

I note that preliminary discussions took place on 8 July and your proposal was made 2 October. In the interim Mr. Balivet has been informed of other arrangements which were underway at the time of receipt of your proposal and which your proposal substantially duplicates in this field. While the alternative arrangements are somewhat more long-term, the work has been underway for some time and is designed to meet the various government departmental needs in exhaustive detail.

We very much appreciate the opportunity of reviewing your proposal but, under the circumstances, we can only thank you for your efforts on our behalf.

Sincerely yours,

James Q. Reber

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